Amargosa Valley Newsletter

"All the news that's fit to print (maybe)"

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FIRST IN LAST OUT By: Nita Fuller

I sat down about a month ago and wrote a "Thank You" letter to our Volunteer Departments for the news letter only to realize that it was not enough after the weekend of March 6th, though I am still trying to figure out how to thank all of the volunteers of our community for all they do, for

now I guess they will have to settle for just words. Up until a few short years ago if you would of asked me anything about the volunteer departments out here I would of thought that they had a pretty laid back time of it. I mean after all we are a small community right? In those few short years I realized I couldn't have been more wrong.

I volunteered with the Amargosa Fire Department about three years ago and have come to realize in that time that between the call-outs for the Fire Dept. and the runs for the Ambulance Crews it gets pretty busy. Your "Volunteer" departments cover over 650 square miles, that's a lot of people and ground to watch over. Not to count the training and classes they take so that they can be the kind of people that you can count on to help those in need. Just some of the training that the Volunteer Firefighters take includes Hazmat, Entry Level Firefighter 1. Firefighting, First Responders, Extrication etc. Sometimes this means guite a few weekends and nights away from home and the family.

You may ask yourself why would they do that. The plain and simple truth? It's that we care, we care about you, your loved ones, your animals, and all that pass through this valley. The people that I volunteer with are willing to jump out of bed at 3:00 in the morning, leave in the middle of dinner with the family, or are out for hours fighting a fire or working the highways to help whoever is in need. To put it simply "They are GOOD people!"

After the weekend of March 6th I figured out that mere words can't express the gratitude that I have for these people. After watching them all weekend, and I do mean all weekend, we saw a lot more of each other than

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we should have, I was in total awe of our gang. There were three fires in our community from March 6 to the 8th. Four if you count the loss of the Fire Depts, tender, and a call to the sand dunes. There were fire trucks and ambulances running in all different directions most of the weekend. Just watching our personnel keep on keeping on even after they were to the point of shear exhaustion was truly something to witness. And all I can say to those of you in the Fire Department that I saw day after day all weekend long is "YOU ROCK!" I guess the point that I am trying to make is unless vou are family member of one of the volunteers you can't fully appreciate all that they do for you. I will admit that March 6th through the 8th was a rarity for all of us. Thank the Lord on that.

Friday the 6th the fire department put in 13 hours of doing what they do best, I watched them give every ounce of energy into helping those who needed it. I saw members of our gang on their knees trying to cool down, rehydrate and get some much needed oxygen so they could get back up and fight. Why? Because it was important to them to do everything they could do for others. We also lost a big part of our fleet of fire trucks, our Tender caught fire and is now basically a total loss, and honestly we have no idea how we will be able to replace it. That is 3500 gallons of water we

desperately need!

Saturday morning started out with the left over clean-up of our equipment, washing fire hose, finishing filling our air tanks etc. Saturday

night was another fire and another 5 hours that managed to set us even further back on our rehab of the equipment.

Sunday morning started out with the volunteers at the fire hall yet one more time to try and get caught up only to be paged out to the sand dunes. Fourteen minutes later we were paged out for yet another structure fire.

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With the fire dept. and first ambulance heading for the sand dunes the rest of us and the second ambulance crew headed for the fire. Even with being highly fatigued they still managed to do the nearly impossible. They were able to save a single wide trailer and most of its contents.

The Volunteers of YOUR Fire dept. individually put in anywhere from 10 to 20 to forty hours of free service to their community. They put in a whole lot of blood sweat and tears and heart and soul to rise to the challenges that were tossed our way on a very long and exhausting weekend. And you know something? There's not one of them that wouldn't do it again in a heartbeat for anyone of you. Did you know that you had such awesome people looking out for you? That they voluntarily lay their lives on the line every time they are paged out for those who are in need? To the Fire Dept. "You truly are a family in your own way" and I am honored to know and run with you.

To the ambulance crews that always are there for us if we need help, water, oxygen or for them to just tell us you look terrible, we love you! To Shelly Kadrmas who not only feels the pain that all are going through, does her best to take care of everybody, we thank you so much for caring enough about us to make us biscuits and gravy and delivering them to us at the Fire Hall.

To Linda Gilliland, for all that you do in setting up the benefits for those who have lost everything, we can't thank you enough. I just need a pie that comes in at under a hundred dollars.

For the families of the Volunteer Fire Dept. and Volunteer Ambulance Crews we know all that you put up with from us and thank you for the time you spend away from your loved ones so they can help others.

For all of our volunteers, for all the good that I see in each and Every one of you, all I can say is if there were a lot more people in this world like you we would all be so much better off! You all have my utmost respect. May God keep and bless all of you and yours!

> Sincerely Nita Fuller Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department

The Amargosa Valley/Beatty High School Scholarship Committee

needs you to join us in helping our 2009 graduates who wish to attend college or trade school to meet their future goals. By contributing to the scholarship fund established by the people of Amargosa Valley you will be letting our youth know it is the desire of this community to assist them in their journey toward success in life.

This year we have ten students applying for scholarships and with your generous help and the help of the many others in the community who will choose to contribute, we will be able to say "Yes we believe you can succeed. "to all of the qualified applicants.

Donations of any amount will assist us in meeting this goal and every dollar goes toward scholarships, so we look forward to hearing from you. (Last year we had 38 contributors; we hope this year's number will be even greater.)

You may drop off your checks at the Amargosa Town Office or mail them to the address below.

> AV/Beatty Scholarship Fund % Jean Adams 1734 S. Van Patten Lane Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

The scholarship Committee and our graduates would like to thank you in advance for your contribution. Lets all join in making this years effort a resounding success. Graduation is Friday, June 5th at 7 PM at the Beatty High School. The A.V. / B.H.S. Schlorship Committee Jean Adams, Jon DeLee, Diane George, Kay Reed and Bill Wahl

AMARGOSA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER HAPPY EASTER

By: Tammy Been

Easter dinner will be served on Friday April 10th, so mark your calendars and join us. We look forward to serving you. We will be closed April 20th through April 24th. And will be back to work Monday, April 27th as normal.

If you are home bound and would like hot meals delivered to you please call Tammy @ 372-5413.

We are open from 12pm to 6pm Mon.-Fri.

If you need a ride please call one of the following and join us for dinner.

5614 Aj Griffin----VFW or Stateline 1343 Jean Adams---- Cottonwood 5465 Kenna Vallance----Farm Road 5713 Katie Hansen---- VFW or Stateline

5138 Prudy Stengel---- Diablo and Farm Road

Also come and enjoy: Arts & Crafts every Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm and Friday night pool (must be 18 or older to play). Open pool starts @ 5:30 pm. We also have ladies night out pool every third Wednesday @ 5:30 pm, Cribbage every Tuesday night at 5:30. We look forward to you joining us for dinner and activities.

The Senior Center is starting to give out free Birthday dinners to those 60 and over. We are using the voter registration list from 2008. If you are new to the valley or not a registered voter and want to be included, please call the senior center and give Tammy your birth date.

Seniors 60+ is a suggested donation of \$2.00, the fee for ages 13 to 59 is \$5.00, and the fee for 12 and under is \$3.00.

The Senior Center would like to take the time to say thank you to all of you that help keep our Center alive, we truly do appreciate all that you do for us. THANK YOU!

Project Council Meeting will be Monday April 13th, at 5:30 P.M...

We have 8lb. bags of ice for sale for \$1.00. And don't for get to bring us you crushed Aluminum cans.

TIMELY REMINDER

Most of us keep our power tools in the garage. If you have "battery" operated power tools be sure and bring your batteries into the house. Summer heat will cost you about 1/2 the life of your battery. This timely tip from a nice fellow @ "Home Depot".

LOST AND FOUND

By: Naomi Found 3/3-Male Red Heeler/Aust Cattledog on Turquiose, call to identify 702-591-6469

Found 3/8-Male Boxer or American Bulldog mix on Hwy 373, call to identify 702-591-6469

Naomi 702-591-6469 So NV Australian Shepherd & Border Collie Rescue/Adopt a Rescue Pet Volunteer

ADOPTIONS HELD EVERY SAT & SUN FROM 10-3 AT THE PETSMART AT LAKE MEAD/RAINBOW IN VEGAS (right off the I-95)

http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/NV25.html http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/NV15.html

Some might say the heroes are those thousands of dogs and cats who forgive humans for their dreadful treatment and are still willing to be our best friends.

SENIOR PROJECT COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

By: Jan Cameron

Due to increasingly busy lives, some members of the Senior Project Council have had to give up their positions. The Senior Project Council's primary function is to raise money for the Senior Center. We need to cover some day-to-day expenses as well as provide backup money for emergencies or special events. We also try to schedule and run events that interest seniors. We could use your help. Our bylaws require that at lease two new members must be under the age of 60, so being a youngster doesn't keep you from participating. Nominations and elections will be held on Mon., April 13 at 5:30 at the Senior Center. If you are interested, contact Tammy at 372-5314 or Jan at 372-1218.



VEGETABLE CLASS REPRISE By: Jan Cameron

Back by popular demand, Jan Cameron will present her class on Vegetable Gardening in Amargosa Valley. The class will be held on Wednesday, April 8, at the Community Center at 5:30. Bring a pen or pencil and your gardening knowledge or questions.

This class is sponsored by the Library. If you have other topics that you would like to hear about or information that you believe would be helpful or interesting to others, please contact Erin or Osvaldo at the Library.

DUNE CLEAN UP AMARGOSA SAND DUNES

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH 8:00 A.M.



Be at the entrance to the Sand Dunes on Valley View (you'll see a roll-off dumpster) at 8:00 A.M. to begin the day.

Contact Aaron Lynn 372-1653 for more information.

Valley Electric Association Annual Meeting

April 25, 2009 - Fish Lake Valley - Dyer, NV

Registration: 10:30 a.m. - Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

To ride the bus to Dyer, call the main office at: 775-727-5312 to reserve your seat. Limited seats are available and the deadline to reserve a seat is April 15th. Snacks will be provided on the bus and restrooms are available.

Bus Schedule:

Pahrump: VEA parking lot on Hwy 372 Bus leaves at 7:30 a.m.

Amargosa Valley: Fort Amargosa on Hwy 95 Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.

Beatty: Beatty Community Church parking lot on Knight Ave at Watson – Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in a tour of David and Donna Sweetman's at 11:00 a.m. See no... one member personalized energy efficiency and renewable energy systems. Call the office for more details.

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ebsite at: ain office at 775-42-3330 in Nevada.



FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

By: Jan Cameron

I love living in Amargosa Valley. Where else would you find such wonderful people? On Friday, March 6, the home of Joe, Tootsie and Markey Cohan burned. Our Volunteer Fire Department responded en masse and managed to save part of the home and all of the other buildings that were very close to them. But the Cohans lost almost everything that was in their house.

On Saturday, the Volunteers responded to another fire behind the Pizza Parlor. Then on Sunday, as they were headed to the Dunes to perform a rescue (a regular event on weekends and holidays), they received a call for another structure fire. They responded to both. And, astonishingly, they were able to save all of the older singlewide, except for the master bedroom and its contents. Maria Anguiano and her baby lost all of their things, and some of the other five children lost things. Water and smoke affected the rest of the home.

Our Volunteer Fire Department is really amazing. Remember, they are VOLUNTEERS. And they left their families and jobs to put their lives on the line to save those folks and their property. They do it all the time. We are very, very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of men and women serving our community. But that is only part of the storey.

Less than a week later, Linda Gilliland, Rosa Garey, the Fire Department, Shelly Kadrmas and others organized fundraisers for the Cohans and the Anguianos. These are difficult times for everyone. Most of us have lost jobs or money or both in the last few months. But the Community responded. Over \$15,000 in cash was collected at the two fundraisers on Wednesday and Sunday. This is in addition to the furniture, household goods and appliances that were donated to each family.

In the middle of all this, by coincidence, was the primary annual fundraiser for the Senior Center. As you all know, the Senior Center is always having fundraisers, because there are ongoing costs that have to be covered and special needs that have to be met. The biggest event for several years has been the annual Services and Stuff Pot Luck and Auction. When the other two fundraisers were scheduled, there was some debate over whether to postpone or not. We decided that, based on all of the publicity and organizing that had taken place, we need to go forward. And that Saturday night, we took in almost \$2000, about what we had collected the previous three years. In hard times. In between two major fundraisers. We also received several donated pies. (Bill Wahl always buys pies for big prices at auctions and then donates them to the Senior Center, so two groups benefit.)

You guys are really something. I know of no other community where this would be possible. We have fewer than 1400 people, and within five days we contributed over \$17,000 plus goods to help two families and a lot of seniors. Thank you. God bless you. And please, join me in thanking the members of our Volunteer Fire Department.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

04-04-09 SAND DUNES CLEANUP 8 A.M 04-04-09 DV RACETRACK RACES 7 PM 04-05-09 EMTS AMBULANCE HALL 6 P.M. 04-07-09 AMERICAN LEGION VFW 7 P.M. 04-10-09 BHS BASEBALL BEATTY 1 P.M. 04-14-09 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7 P.M. 04-14-09 HAM RADIO CLUB CC 6:30 P.M. 04-14-09 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 7:00 P.M. 04-15-09 MEMORIAL SUPPORT CC 6 P.M. 04-16-09 PLANNING COMMITTEE CC 6 P.M. 04-18-09 DV RACETRACK RACES 7PM 04-21-09 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6 P.M. 04-21-09 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7 P.M. 04-25-09 BUSINESSMEN'S FELLOWSHIP **BREAKFAST STATELINE 9 A.M.** 04-30-09 TOWN ADVISORY MTS CC 7 P.M.

AMARGOSA RADIO ACTIVE CLUB

On March 22, 2009 the first F.C.C. testing for Techinchian and General licensing was given at the Amargosa Valley Cmmunity Center. We were one tester short, so a call went out for assistance. Sharon Guthrie of Montana Promotional Designs LLc of Pahrump, NV put out a call for a radio Ham tester.

Mr. John rose fromCalifornia was at Saddle West RV Rst Stop and volunteered to help. By helping Roger Fox, Dick Gradie, and Archie Selbach, the test was given. Glen Schoeck, who works for Horizon Academy and is an EMT with the Amargosa EMT Service is now a general and Falcon Finlinson, who also works for the Horizon Academy is a Technician. Thanks goes to Sheron Guthrie and John Rose, you both saved the day.

INTERESTED PLEASE CALL

372-1281 - Gene Butler



Amargosa Days 2009 May 15, 16

and 17, 2009

Amargosa Days is a three day event celebrating our community. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event.

We want all Amargosa businesses and clubs to be part of this event. There are Vendor Booth Applications and Parade Applications available at the Town Office 372-5459 or on-line at <u>www.amargosadays.org</u>. This year will be amazing with your help, please volunteer. Amargosa Days Events Include:

Friday Night DanceFireworks 2k/5k Walk/Run Parade Breakfast in the Park Art show in Community Center Chilli Cook Off Kids Corner Raffles Concession Stand Vendor Booths Shows

Arena Activities:

Dog Show Petting Zoo near Arena Sunday Ranch Rodeo K-9 Demonstration There are many more activities, so please come and join in.

If you are interested in having a booth, being in the parade or donating to this event contact Town Office 372-5459 or go on-line to;

www.amargosadays.org for an application. Completed applications can be returned via e-mail to <u>azfand24@hotmail.com</u> or can be dropped off at the Town Office.

Public Town Meetings regarding Amargosa Days are held weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 pm please call Carmen Brown 702-622-7005 or 372-1228 for meeting location. Notification of these meetings are at Amargosa Post Office, Amargosa Clinic, Amargosa Library, Community Center and First International Bank.

NEW HOURS AT THE CLINIC Amargosa Valle Medical Center New Hours beginning: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 We will be open Tuesday through Friday From 7:30 A.M. until 6:30 PM. Closed for lunch 12:00 P.M. until 1:00 P.M.



2009 RACE SCHEDULE DATE TIM CLASSES

MARCH 7TH IPMMINIS, SUPERS, DWARFS MARCH 21ST 1PM MINIS, SUPERS, IMCA, DWARFS, COUPES MARCH 26-28TH 12PM DWARF CAR NATIONALS APRIL 4TH 7PM MINIS, SUPERS, IMCA, DWARFS, MICROSPRINTS APRIL 18TH 7PM MINIS, SUPERS, IMCA, DWARFS, COUPES MAY 2ND 7PM MINIS, SUPERS, IMCA, DWARFS, MICROSPRINTS MAY 15-16TH 7 PM WILD WEST SOUTH MODIFIED TOUR MAY 30TH 7PM MINIS, SUPERS, IMCA, DWARFS, COUPES SEPT 12TH 7PM MINIS, SUPERS, MODIFIEDS, DWARFS, COUPES SEPT 26TH 7PM MINIS, SUPERS, IMCA, DWARFS, MICROSRPINTS OCT 10TH 1PM MINIS, SUPERS, IMCA, COUPES, MICROSPRINTS OCT 24TH 1PM MINIS, SUPERS, IMCA, COUPES, MICROSPRINTS ****SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**** FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE VISIT **OUR WEBSITE AT:**

DEATHVALLEYRACEWAY.HOMESTEAD.COM OR E-MAIL US AT: TANYAPIKE_3@HOTMAIL.COM DVR HOTLINE - 775-209-0036

The Amargosa Volunteer Ambulance Service's



Buy a Raffle Ticket!

Win a Wood Grill & Smoker, \$25 off your Power bill, Dinner for 2, Weekend for 2, Show Tickets, or Much More

Raffle held at 2pm No need to be present to win.

Tickets on sale for \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or <u>YOUR HEIGHT</u> for \$20 ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH! May 10th, 2009 10am - 2pm at the Amargosa Valley Multi-Purpose Building

Adults \$7.50 Seniors and Kids \$5.00 (Children under 4 - FREE)

We're Serving-Cook-to-Order eggs, Make-Your-Own Burritos Biscuits and Gravy, Hash Browns, Bacon, Sausage, Chicken Wings, Enchiladas, Sweet and Sour Pork, Turkey Rolls, Salads, and Desserts!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary

Affordable Arts & Crafts Festival

April 25–26, 2009 9:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

Spring Celebration • Family Outing Carriage Rides • Entertainment Picnic Areas • Tours of Sanctuary

Booths still available Please call: Henry Ricci — Sandra Salinas 645.6808

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Lots of stuff: at 553 South Turquoise in Amargosa

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MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER 775-372-5413

	MONTH OF:	Apr-09				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED			APR. 1 Creamed beef Biscuits Green beans Veggie soup Peanut butter cookie	APR. 2 Chicken enchiladas Broccoli Guacamole tossed salad Peanut butter cashews sundaes	APR.3 Baked fish Steamed rice Brussel sprouts Dinner roll Tomato soup Brownie	CLOSED
CLOSED	APR. 6 Vegetarian stuffed peppers Mustard greens Garlic bread Apricots and cottage cheese	APR. 7 <u>Turkey vegetable</u> <u>crescent pie</u> <u>Winter squash soup</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Raspberry cheesecake</u>	APR. 8 125 Pepper steak, Brown rice pilaf, Tomatoes vinaigrette Dutch apple cake Bran roll Peach butter	APR. 9 121 Chicken noodle soup French bread pizza Broccoli salad Rainbow sherbet Oatmeal date bar Pink lemonade	APR.10 Baked ham Sweet potatoes Green bean casserole Dinner rolls Apple crisp EASTER DINNER	CLOSED
CLOSED	APR.13 83 Turkey pot pie Mixed greens salad FF Creamy italian drsg. 7 Grain bread Peach jam Baked apple PRIZE DRAWING 4:30	APR. 14 18 Egg plant parmesan Spinach spaghetti Carrot raisin salad Garlic bread Fruited yogurt pie Orange banana juice	APR. 15 Baked chicken Oven fries Spinach Cole slaw Birthday cake	16-Apr <u>Barley beef stroganoff</u> <u>Broccoli</u> <u>WW Roll</u> <u>Salad bar</u> <u>Mixed fruit</u> <u>Rice krispie squares</u>	APR. 17 20 Baked pork chops Pureed butternut squash Layered salad 100% WW Bread Peach butter Baked banana	CLOSED
CLOSED	APR. 20 CLOSED	APR. 21` CLOSED	APR. 22 CLOSED	APR. 23 CLOSED	APR. 24 CLOSED	CLOSED
CLOSED	APR.27 <u>Light buenos burritos</u> <u>Green chili rice</u> <u>Zucchini</u> <u>Pears</u> <u>Salad bar</u>	APR. 28 101 Baked liver & onions Mexicorn Tomatoes vinaigrette Mashed potatoes WW Bread Apple butter Sliced peaches	APR. 29 Orange chicken with wild rice Egg rol is Stir fried spinach with garlic Icy mandarin dessert	APR. 30 Thee bean chili Corn bread Salad bar Mixed fruit Brownie	2% MILK SERVED MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE MEALS SERVED FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.	CLOSED

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ECRWSS LOCAL PATRON

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>SAND DUNES CLEAN-UP</u> <u>04-04-2009</u>

<u>SPRING BREAK FOR SCHOOL</u> 04/13/2009 THROUGH 04/17/2009